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SUBJECT: SPECIAL KNESSET SESSION ON MIDEAST NEGOTIATIONS

1. KNESSET MARCH 24 EXPRESSED SOLIDARITY WITH RABIN GOVERNMENT'S BY ADOPTING THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BY VOTE OF 92-4-6(NEW COMMUNIST VOTED AGAINST AND FAR LEFT/ INDEPENDENTS ABSTAINED.)

2. QUOTE THE KNESSE NOTS THE STATEMENT OF THE GOVERNEMTN SUBMITTED BY THE PRIME MINISTER, MR YITZHK RABI, ON MARCH 24, 1975, REGARDING THE SUSPENSION OF NEGOTIATIONS FOR AN INTERIM AGREEMENTWITH EGYPT. THE KNESSET HOLDS THE GOVERNEMTN OF EGYPT RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SUSPENSION OF NEGOTIATIONS FORAN INTERIM AGREEMENT. ISRAEL WILL CONTINUE TO STRIVE FOR A JUST AND DURABLE PEACE WITH EACH ONE OF HER NEIGHBORS. END QUOTE

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3. PRIME MINISTER'S STATEMENTS (BEING POUCHED TO DEPARTMENT)
REVIEWD NEGOTIATIONS AND ASSESSED REASONS FOR
SUSPENSION ALONG LINES OF MARCH 23 PRESS CONFERENCE
(TEL AVIV 1667) PRIME MINISTER AGAIN STRESSED HIS
CONFIDENCE IN CLOSE FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION BETWEEN
UNITED STATES AND ISREL AS CORNERSTONE OF GOI POLICY,
AND EMPHASIZED THAT DIFFERENCES IN VIES AND EVALUATIONS
WOULD NOT DISTURB FUNDAMENTALS OF US--ISREL RELATIONSHIP.
DURING COURSE OF DEABTE KNESSET SECURITY AND FOREIGN AFFIARS
COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN NAVON MADE STRONG STATEMTN REBUKING
CRITICS OF SECRETARY KISSINGER, SAYING THE DIFFERENCES
OF OPINION DID NOT RULE OUT GENUIN FRIENDSHIP.

4. VIRTUAL UNANIMITY BEHIND ABOVE RESOLUTION REPRESENTD
COMPROMISE BETWEEN GOVERNEMTN AND OPPOSITION. GOVRNEMTN
PARTIES HAD WANTED TO PRAISE NEGOTIATING TA FOR CONDUCT
OF NEGOTIATIONS, WILE LIKUD WAS ONLY PREPARED TO ACKNOW-
LEDGE CORRECTNESS OF ISRAELI DECISION TO REJECT EGYPTAIN
DEMANDS. LIKUD HAD DISAGREED VIROROUSLY WITH LAST GOVERN-
MENT NEGOTIATING OFFER. NOMINAL UNITY ALSO COVERS OVR
DIFFERENT TONE IN GOVERNEMTN AND OPPOSTION ASSESSMENTS,
FORMER GENERALLY EXPRESSING REGRET AT COLLAPSE OF NEGOTIATING
EFFORT AND LATTER FINDING COUASE FOR SATISFACTION, NRP
SPOKESMAN RENEWED HIS CALL FOR NATIONAL UNITY GOVERNMENT.

5. WHILE IT DID NO COME OUT IN KNESSE DEBAT, MAPAM
LEADRSHIP IN CLOSED LABOR ALIGNMENT SESSION EARLIER IN DAY
EXPRESSED ITS VIEW THAT GOI COULD HAVE TAKEN GREATER
RISK AND PUT FORWARD ADDITINAL PROPOSAL TO SUSTAIN
NEGOTIATING PROCESS.

6. ONLY DISSENT CAME FROM MINISCULE FAR LEFT AND INDEPENT
PARTIES. MOKED-CITIZENS RIGHTS MOVEMENT AND KNESSET
INDEPENDENTS HALEVI AND LYOVA ELIAV(LATTER RESIGNED MARCH
23 FOR LOABOR ALIGNMET KNESSET FACTION) URGD GOI TO TAKE
NEW DIPLOMATIC INITIATIVES FOR OVERALL SETTLEMTN WITH ALL
PARTIES, WHIEL NEW COMMUNISITS SAID THT LATEST EVENS REPRESENTED
FAILUR OF US MIDDLE EAST POLICY.
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